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THE WEATHER
Fair to-day and cooler to-morrow;
moderate northwest winds to-day
Full Report on Last Page

TWO CENTS
In Greater New York

THREE CENTS
Within 200 Miles

FOUR CENTS
Elsewhere

New System Here to Balk Mail Looters

Sweeping Changes To Be Made in N. Y. Postoffice Methods of Handling Valuables; Police to Aid To Put Ex-Convicts Out of the Service

Assistant Postmaster General Bartlett Finds Old Plan Easy for Thieves

Complete and vigorous methods to prevent any further thefts from the mails such as the \$11,779.800 gold robbery in the General Postoffice last July and the \$2,000,000 hold-up at Broadway and Leonard Street the following October will be taken by the postal authorities within the next few days. This was indicated yesterday by First Assistant Postmaster General John H. Bartlett, who arrived from Washington Saturday evening to go on in person the circumstances connected with the arrests made Thursday in the postoffice robbery plot.

Mail wagons carrying valuables will henceforth move about the streets only under the most rigid rules. Violation of these rules will bring the arrest of the driver. The first rule, Mr. Bartlett said, is that mail wagons carrying registered packages, known as "white" wagons, must move over definite routes and none other. These routes are known to the driver and to the police. Every policeman is to know when these mail wagons are supposed to move along his beat and where they are going. If he finds a wagon off the set path or at any other than the designated time he is to arrest the driver at once.

The October street hold-up never would have occurred, Mr. Bartlett said, if this rule had been in force.

Loose Methods in Postoffice

As to the conditions inside the postoffice, Mr. Bartlett said that there had grown up a certain laxity that must be remedied to obtain greater efficiency. He had found in his brief investigation since he has been here, he said, that the rule requiring a clerk to have ten years of trustworthy service to his credit before he shall handle registry business was often disregarded. He felt, he said, that in this respect a postoffice should be like a bank, where much care is exercised in choosing men to handle money. Small clerks without experience should not be found in the money cages.

Mr. Bartlett also said that it might be found advisable to recommend to the Treasury Department that the General Postoffice and many of the branches be reconstructed along the line of interior bank architecture. He would have the same types of protective cage where valuables are handled. A million dollars in gold from abroad, contained in little boxes one could put in a coat pocket or drop out an unpunished window, lay on the counters here, he said yesterday, he said, at the main office.

Ex-Convicts in Service

Mr. Bartlett directed the postoffice inspectors yesterday to make a list of all of the clerks surrounding the stealing of the \$11,779.800 gold from the registry room of the main postoffice last July. He said that even though it was a small, half-baked, nevertheless was rather a large package for any clerk to take out of the registry room in the presence of the clerks.

More detailed and accurate means must also be found, Mr. Bartlett said, for identifying employees. He said that forty-nine men with criminal records had been able to secure postoffice jobs in the last three months, more strict investigations must be made. The forty-nine are guilty of perjury, having sworn that they had never been in the law.

"I am here to study the problem personally and at close range," Mr. Bartlett said. "Provision must be made to prevent a general tightening up of protection of the mails. Conditions in New York are peculiar, but for the most part are not found elsewhere. The great changes that have occurred everywhere since the war have been very marked in the Post Office Department, and it is probable that the same will be in the Post Office Department."

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Man, Locked in Empty Apartment, Dies of Gas

Returns After Moving Out and Is Found by Friend to Whom Wife Phoned

Harold Caning, forty-five years old, was found dead yesterday afternoon in his apartment in 107 Bedford Street. Two gas stove jets and a gas jet on the wall were turned on. The door and the window were locked.

Women's Party "Up in Arms" As Harding Fails to Appear

President Cancels Engagement to Attend Dedication of Headquarters, but Sends Letter; Roosevelt's Refusal of Use of Naval Radio Stirs Organization

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, May 21.—The National Woman's party dedication ceremony at the formal opening today of its new headquarters opposite the Capitol was given another severe setback, when President Harding sent word an hour before the dedication that he would not be present. The other participants of the party's plans was the immediate refusal of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt to permit the use of the naval radio station for broadcasting the speeches at the ceremony.

The two events are declared to have left members of the party "up in arms." The reason for the President's failure to appear is seen by some of its members in his repeated statements that he does not favor the principle of group or bloc pressure upon Congress or the executive branch of government, and there is strong talk tonight among them of bringing out war paint. However, a statement tonight from the women's headquarters merely reproduces two letters from the President. The first letter, dated December

News Summary

FOREIGN

Ninety persons, including two American women, lost when steamer Egypt is sunk in collision of Brest.

Revolution reported in Bulgaria. King Boris said to have fled; Premier, according to dispatches, induced peasants and agrarians to join revolt and proclaim republic.

Thirteen killed in fresh Belfast disorders.

British weekly press declares Lloyd George's work at Genoa makes him Europe's outstanding statesman.

Dr. Sun-seeking peace with North China forces.

Poincare tells French war veterans France will demand enforcement of Versailles treaty.

LOCAL

Will model postoffices on banks and restrict mail wagon routes to prevent robberies.

Booth Parkington and Eugene O'Neill awarded annual Columbia prizes for best novel and play.

Abe Attell questioned in plot to bar Broadway boot shop.

One dead, six seriously injured when thrown from car on scenic railway.

City of Westchester scheme drives with machine backing, investigation shows.

Enlight attacks newspapers in address at funeral of Patrolman Hay.

Socialists will run for Congress in every district in the country, executives decide.

Robert E. Speer, author and missionary, says Persia offers opportunity for Americans.

Commissioner Drennan approves list of firemen to receive medals for valor.

Teachers' Union in controversy with Commissioner of Education over council on qualifications of teachers.

Thugs beat and rob woman in home while cars and pedestrians pass open door.

WASHINGTON

Women ruffled when Harding refuses to attend dedication of National Woman's party headquarters.

Senator Willis declares delay in enactment of tariff legislation due to "conscienceless business."

Hoover calls conference of coal operators to work out details of Harding plan to prevent price increase.

Railroad executives agree to cooperate with Harding to bring about lower rates.

Undermyer attacks Attorney General Daugherty's plans for investigating war contract frauds.

DOMESTIC

Homes of 200 wealthy Chicago residents guarded by special policemen as result of crime wave.

Ku-Klux Klan big factor in apparent defeat of Governor Olcott of Oregon for renomination.

American Jewish Congress begins meeting in Philadelphia.

SPORTS

The Yankees beat the St. Louis Browns at the Polo Grounds, 6 to 5, in ten innings.

The Reds win from the Giants at Cincinnati, 5 to 1.

The Brooklyn Robins defeat the Cubs at Chicago, 8 to 4.

Miss Lengenlyan Ryan in the final of the women's tennis singles at Brussels.

H. L. Bowman beats A. D. Hammett in one of the semi-final rounds of the Harlem tennis tournament.

Bombs, Fires And Guns Kill 13 at Belfast

Women and Children Fall Victims to Assassins in Week End of Savagery; Terrorism Is Increasing

Death Toll of 35 For Last 7 Days

Police Are Attacked at Incendiary Blaze; Cars Are Tied Up by Snipers

BELEST, May 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—This has been one of the worst week ends in the experience of Belfast. Shootings, incendiarism, bombing and outrages generally have been exceptionally numerous. The fire brigade responded to seven calls between Saturday evening and Sunday morning. In some cases bombs were thrown into buildings.

The exact number of deaths is not known, but it is believed the total death toll, bringing the total death toll by shooting in the last week to thirty-five, in addition to many wounded.

Gunsmen Attack Firemen

Belfast is suffering from nervous tension. At one point police placed on duty to protect the firemen were attacked by gunmen and several casualties resulted. The military captured a sniper, who was marched along the streets to the barracks with his hands in the air, a crowd following and cheering the soldiers.

Raiders shot and severely wounded the mother of a special constable at Douglasman because she refused to allow them to search her home.

There was considerable firing in the east end of the city in the evening. An Italian boy was shot dead at the door of his home and a man, picked up severely wounded, died in the hospital. Tram service in the district was suspended on account of sniping.

Traveller Is Shot

Seamon Powell, who had just arrived in Belfast after a long voyage and who was not aware of his surroundings, wandered into the street. He was interrogated as to his religion and then was fired upon and wounded. It is feared fatally.

Last night's shootings brought about the death of Cecilia Cairns, aged twenty-four, Agnes Condon, twenty-three, and Bridget Skillen, three.

Two men called at the home of a family named Shields last night and asked Mrs. Shields for her son. When told he was out the men shot the woman and her married daughter.

There were several incendiary fires at Cloughmills, County Antrim.

Mary B. Pulver's Effort To Rescue Husband Fails

Dental Surgeon Drowns While on Fishing Expedition With Author and Lawyer

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
BINGHAMTON, N. Y., May 21.—Mrs. Mary Brecht Pulver, the author, witnessed the drowning of her husband, Dr. George W. Pulver, in the Beaverkill River, near Livingston Manor, yesterday while making unavailing attempts to rescue him.

Dr. Pulver, with Mrs. Pulver and Ralph D. Smith, a lawyer, started down the river trout fishing. The stream was swollen by recent rains and Dr. Pulver, in an advance, fell in a hole. He disappeared and before the other members of the party could reach the spot he had been swept down stream. The body was found a mile from the scene of the accident.

Dr. Pulver was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a dental surgeon well known in this section of the state. He also is survived by a son.

Greek Cabinet Formed

ATHENS, May 21.—The new cabinet formed by M. Protopapadakis is composed as follows:

Premier, M. Protopapadakis; Foreign Minister, George P. Baltazakis; Minister of Justice, Demetrios Gounaris; War, Nikolaos Stratos; National Economy, M. Rouffos.

The organization of the new Cabinet took place after Gounaris and Stratos reached a mutual agreement for the formation of a coalition government under the leadership of Gounaris. This, without defections from the Vare organization by old Penrose leaders in other parts of the city, is what happened to the huge Attel majority which the Pinchot people had feared.

Pinchot made big fight Penrose made before he died was against the very men, so far as Philadelphia is concerned, who were trying to beat Pinchot, and (Continued on page three)

Quebec Board of Trade To Muzzle Its Orators

QUEBEC, Que., May 21.—A ban has been placed on orators by the Quebec Board of Trade. A circular letter to members informs them that hereafter no speech at any general meeting is to exceed three minutes unless the speaker has something important to talk about. In the latter case, the letter says, the orator, by notifying the secretary of the board a day in advance, may be allotted ten minutes.

Arson Plant In Shoe Store Of Abe Attell

Excess of Gasoline Poured About Soaks Through Floor Into Cafe Maurice and Betrays the Scheme

Dance Hall Above Menaced

Ex-Boxer and Partner in Ming Toy Bootery Grilled by Police and Then Released

Sometime after midnight on Saturday somebody poured enough gasoline to set all Times Square on fire over the stock fixtures and floors of the Ming Toy Bootery, at 1655 Broadway. The store is owned by Abe Attell, one-time featherweight boxing champion, and E. M. Tausend. Attell and Tausend were put through a grueling examination yesterday afternoon in the West Forty-seventh street police station.

After it was over the partners were permitted to leave the station house and no charges were laid against them. Whoever set the stage for a quick action fire did the job too well. The enthusiasm with which the liquid was poured around the place led to the discovery of the plot. So much gasoline, which is the floor of the bootery, was poured that it ran down the walls over the floor in miniature rivers and penetrated to the floor below.

It was the drip of the flowing gasoline, which was poured from a can, that attracted the attention of Garbino Caserio, a watchman for the Club Maurice, which has premises under the Ming Toy Bootery.

Leak Found in Club Ceiling

Caseries called in John Ryan, watchman in the Broadway Central Building, of which the Ming Toy and Maurice Club premises are a part. They searched the club quarters inch by inch and discovered in the ceiling of the club, which is the floor of the bootery, a discolored patch of hunting, which indicated the presence of the leak. Above the dark spot they found a hole in the ceiling.

Through the floor of the Attell store, in the apartment were stuffed half a dozen crumpled Sunday papers soaked in gasoline and there was a steady drip of the inflammable fluid through the opening.

Patrolman Winship was called in from his post and made his way into the store through the open trap. The firemen, who were called in by the patrolman, but he found half a dozen gasoline-soaked newspapers, an empty five-gallon can of the type in which gasoline usually is sold, and a can of smaller size from which the liquid apparently had been distributed and three pairs of canvas gloves.

Winship reported to the West Forty-seventh street station, and Fire Marshal Thomas Brophy began an investigation bright and early yesterday morning. Detectives Stephen Love aroused Attell from his bed at about 10 o'clock and told him that he had been arrested on suspicion of having set the fire.

Attel Blames Unidentified Fox
After the partners had been released Attel made a statement, in which he blamed the plant upon some unidentified enemy.

"It is foolish to think that we had anything to do with it," the ex-pugilist said. "There's no reason in the world why I should try to set the place on fire. I should have been a fool. Business is good, we are making money and our financial affairs are in first rate condition. We have more than \$2,500 coming to us in outstanding obligations, there is \$15,000 of expensive shoes in stock and the good will is certainly worth something. All the insurance we carry is \$16,000."

"Somebody did it who has a grudge against me and wants to make it known," he said. "I don't believe they intended to set it on fire, but just wanted to plant it to look that way. I figure that whoever did it got in through the trap door in the basement and got away through the front door. It's a tough job to get by the front door without a key, but it's easy enough to get out that way."

John Ryan, the watchman for the Broadway Central Building, said that he had noticed before Caserio called him that the steel trellis outside door on the side entrance to the boot shop was open. This entrance leads into the corridor of the Broadway Central Building.

The inside wooden door was locked, but Ryan said he never before had seen the steel protection door open.

Above the Ming Toy Bootery is the Maurice Club, where thousands dance every Sunday afternoon and evening. The boot shop was all ready for a fire which a cigarette stub might start and spread with great speed to the entire building, the Fire Marshal said.

Three Die as Lamp Explodes

COATESVILLE, Pa., May 21.—Three persons were burned to death early today in a fire that destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smale, at Cedar Knoll, three miles north of this place. The victims were Mrs. William T. Davidson and her four-year-old daughter and Jean McWilliams, a visitor from the Smale home.

Mrs. Davidson, her husband and two children lived with the Smales, who are Mrs. Davidson's parents.

Mr. Davidson, a trader, and his son suffered serious injuries when they jumped from a window.

Bulgar Revolt Reported With King in Flight

Story Reaches London and Vienna That Premier Stamboulsky Has Proclaimed a Republic

Fifteen Wrangel Officers Expelled

Legation at Paris Denies Rumors; Deal at Genoa With Soviet a Factor

VIENNA, May 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Conflicting reports have reached here of a Bulgarian revolution. Dispatches from Belgrade say that King Boris has fled to Varna, and that Premier Stamboulsky, who represents the peasants and agrarians, has, with his followers, proclaimed a republic. A state of civil war, it is further reported, exists, and fifteen of General Wrangel's officers have been expelled.

Agram advices, however, declare that a train from Sofia arrived at Belgrade at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon and those aboard reported comparative quiet. General Alexandrov having issued a counter-proclamation at Sofia, calling upon the populace to remain loyal to the King.

Georg Tchitcherine, Russian Soviet Foreign Minister, and Stamboulsky, according to an Agram paper, reached an agreement yesterday that the Bulgarian Premier would expel Wrangel's troops from Bulgaria he would have the support of the entire Bulgarian Communist element. A dispatch to the "Tribune" from Sofia says that an attempt to carry out the expulsion of these troops precipitated trouble.

No Official Information

The Bulgarian Legation and the Austrian Foreign Office are wholly without advice on the reported revolution. Information received here is limited to conflicting Jugo-Slav press reports.

House Near Busy Street

Two men entered Mrs. Mary Redmond's bungalow at 43 Jewett Avenue, Port Richmond, S. I., by the front door about 9:30 o'clock last night and without bothering to shut the door behind them to conceal their act beat the woman into insensibility and robbed the house. They got \$845 in currency and about \$1,200 worth of jewelry.

Mrs. Redmond, her nose broken, her head cut open in several places, severely bruised about the body from kicks and blows, was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where she gave a description of her assailants.

\$342 Found on Suspect

George Gibson, of 121 Cornell Avenue, West New Brighton, S. I., was arrested by Detective Sergeant John Lewis, of the West New Brighton police station, as one of the robbers within two hours. He is said to have had \$342 and a diamond pin belonging to Mrs. Redmond when arrested.

Mrs. Redmond is the widow of John Redmond, who was chief clerk of the magistrate's court in West New Brighton. Her husband owned several acres in the vicinity of the bungalow, and the section was developed under the name of "Golden City."

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Mrs. Redmond, who is fifty-five years old, is large and vigorous. She was sitting in the dining room reading last night. She had left the front door open for the sake of coolness, and only a screen door separated her from Jewett Avenue, on which she could see pedestrians, automobiles and trolley cars passing.

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"Passengers were seen running about on the decks as the steamer was about to go under."

"I saw a man throw himself into the sea with two little children in his arms. The upwood people in the sea lying on floating debris. I had all my lifeboats lowered. It was particularly perilous work, for we were on the main part of vessels going from the open sea to the English Channel. I stayed at the scene of the wreck until twenty minutes after 11 o'clock Saturday night."

90 Lives Lost When British Liner Is Sunk In Collision

Peninsular & Oriental's Ship Egypt Struck by Freighter Off the Coast of France During a Fog

238 Saved; 2 U. S. Women Are Missing

Rescued Say That Indian Sailors Seized Lifeboats; Seine, Though Damaged, Picks Up Many From Sea

BREST, France, May 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Nearly 100 persons perished last night when the Peninsular and Oriental Line steamer Egypt sank off the island of Ushant after a collision with the French freighter Seine.

The Egypt sailed from London for Bombay Friday with forty-four passengers and a crew of 290. A roll call on board the Seine after the disaster showed that at least fifteen of the passengers and eighty of the crew of the Egypt were missing.

A dispatch from London quoted the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company's officials as stating that only thirty-eight passengers had sailed on the steamship Egypt, which was sunk last night off Brest. The company gave out a list of the names of twenty-eight of these passengers who were rescued and landed at Brest. On the basis of these figures the death list in the wreck of the Egypt would be ninety.

Two American women, Mrs. M. L. Sibley and Miss V. M. Boyer, were on board the Egypt and are missing, according to a statement by Peninsular and Oriental Line officials in London. Their home addresses are not known to the company. R. F. Bevan, another American, was saved.

2 Bandits Beat And Rob Widow In Bungalow

Woman Knocked Insensible in Port Richmond Home by Thugs Who Flee With \$645 Cash and \$1,200 in Gems

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